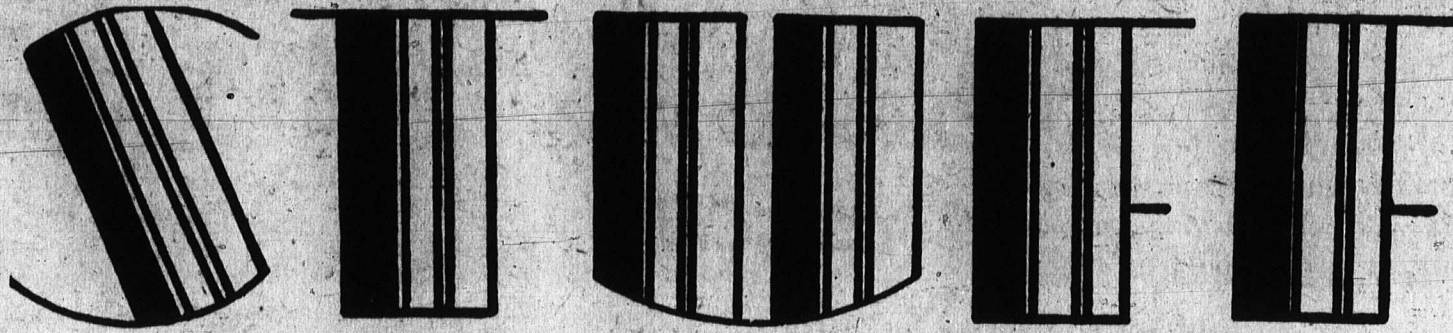


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## Catholic University Drama Club Will Appear on St. Joe Stage In "Much Ado About Nothing"

The University Players of Catholic University, Washington, D. C., will come to Collegeville, Saturday, Dec. 10, to present their modern version of the Shakespearean drama, "Much Ado About Nothing," in the College Theatre.

## Band Announces Christmas Event of Solos, Favorites

Under the direction of Prof. Paul Tonner, the College Concert Band of 36 pieces will present a Christmas program in the College Theatre, Thursday evening, Dec. 15.

Highlights in the one hour and a quarter program include solos on the cornet, clarinet, trombone, saxophone, and marimbaphone, and such old favorites as Poet and Peasant Overture, The Flight of the Bumble-bee, March of the Toys, and Hora Staccato, by the Concert Band.

This group of young drama graduates from Catholic University, making a 7,000-mile tour of the country which will take them to colleges and universities in fifteen states, are directed by the Rev. Gilbert V. F. Hartke, O.P., head of the Speech and Drama department of Catholic University. They have widely varied backgrounds, coming from families long associated with the stage, from classrooms, from business desks and newspaper offices. Many of them are veterans of World War II.

Leading roles are carried by Bill Callahan as "Benedick," and Teddy Marie Kinsey as "Beatrice." Mr. Callahan is instructor of English composition for freshmen at Catholic University. Miss Kinsey is likewise a teacher, but does acting and writing in addition to her work in the classroom.

## Four-Day Retreat Begins Tonight; Closed Weekend

The annual student retreat will begin at nine o'clock this evening and will continue until Sunday morning. The retreat-master will be the Rev. Joseph V. Duenser, a member of the Eastern Band of the Fathers of the Precious Blood, with headquarters at New Cumberland, Pa. Father Duenser has conducted missions and retreats in every section of the United States, and is in constant demand by pastors and religious.

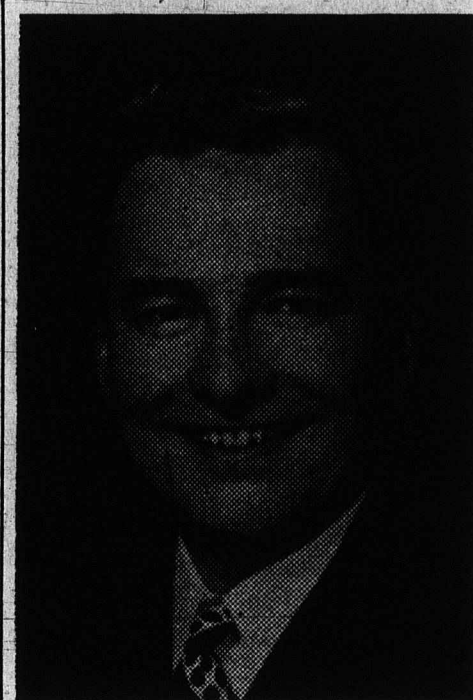
Father Duenser will preach the opening sermon of the retreat at nine o'clock tonight in the College Chapel. The reason for the late hour is that there will be a guest-speaker in the College Theatre earlier in the evening.

This year's retreat will differ from those of previous years in this that classes will continue as usual. Silence will prevail throughout the four-day period, and the week-end will be a closed one for all students. No permission will be granted to leave the campus.

Father Duenser will preach seven sermons: A Holy Hour, Sunday morning, will conclude the exercises.

## Attorney General Alex M. Campbell Speaks Tonight

Alex M. Campbell, assistant Attorney General of the United States, will speak in the College auditorium tonight on the highlights and sidelights of his major prosecution cases. His appearance is sponsored by Thomas H. Dumas, prominent Rensselaer lawyer and professor of law on the campus.



ALEX M. CAMPBELL

Mr. Campbell is widely renowned for his influence in such important trials as the Axis Sally and the Tokyo Rose treason cases, the Gubitchev and Coplon espionage case, and the recent prosecution of the 12 Communist Party Leaders. He has also supervised, among others, the J. Parnell Thomas fraud case, the Tucker Case, and the important Alger Hiss-Whittaker Chambers Grand Jury Spy investigation.

Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., Mr. Campbell gained much of his early prominence and reputation in his home town. He was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1929, following the completion of his studies at Indiana University Law School, and began his practice in Fort Wayne in 1930. He was subsequently appointed Assistant United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana in 1935. While he held this office, in 1937, he successfully prosecuted and convicted James Dahlover, at the time public enemy No. 1. He also tried and convicted, for the Government, the General Motors Corporation for violation of the Sherman Anti-trust Act in 1939.

In 1941, he received the appointment to the post of United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, a position he held until 1948. While serving his tenure of office as D.A., Mr. Campbell gained much repute for his efficient prosecution and disposition of the many thousands of cases that came to his office. During the war years, the volume of cases was more than quadrupled by the addition of such wrong doings as draft evasion, black market dealings, and O.P.A. restriction violations. He handled these, plus the usual criminal and civil cases, with such excellence as to gain for him nation-wide fame on several occasions. His prosecution of the German-American Bund in 1944 was one of his more noted successes during this period.

He was appointed Assistant Attorney General in 1948. In this capacity, he has supervision of all the United States Attorneys and their assistants in criminal matters, which involve approximately 75,000 cases a year.

Besides his fame as a lawyer, the Assistant Attorney General enjoys the reputation of being a dynamic speaker.

## Student Council Reorganized In Four Committees

The recent reorganization of the Student Council into four groups, in an effort to correlate student activities on the Puma campus, gives the council a more active part in student affairs and helps to distinguish the aims of the various groups. Originated by Joe McGrath, junior class president, the plan makes provision for the handling by the Student Council of scholastic, sports, interhall and interclub activities.

The Scholastic Committee will work with the Rev. Walter Pax, Dean of the College, in planning future aspects of scholastic life. It includes the four class presidents: Jim Causland, senior; Joe McGrath, junior; Frank Pavalko, sophomore; and Don Gault, freshman.

Dances held on the campus and the provision of blind dates will be handled by the Social Committee, made up of three seniors, Tom Carmody, Bill Lynch, and George Bobalik, and sophomore Jim Spliedt.

Working in conjunction with the Athletic Board, the Athletic Committee, composed of Chuck Barton and Bob Ryan, seniors, and Wally Johnson, sophomore, will plan Puma sports, and assist in unifying the intramural program.

The Activities Committee includes Howard Cummings, senior; Utah Cummings, junior; John Metzner, sophomore; and will cover all entertainments—except dances and sports. Its immediate tasks are the Christmas party and pep rallies.

An appointee from each hall make up the Interhall Committee, and the vice-president and moderator of each campus club, the Interclub Committee. These two committees will coordinate hall and club activities on the campus.

## Eight Seniors Make 1949-'50 "Who's Who"

The 1949-'50 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will carry the names of eight St. Joseph's seniors, according to information received this week from the editor of Who's Who, Mr. H. Pettus Randall. Selection of nominees was made several weeks ago by student-faculty representatives.

Accepted for this recognition are Charles E. Barton, Thomas L. Carmody, Charles L. Greif, James R. Heiny, John W. Lynch, Jr., Richard W. Mosher, James H. Stang, and Victor F. Toepepe.



The Catholic University Players with Teddy Kinsey, Art Conescu, Bill Callahan and J. K. Emmet in leading roles will present Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," here, on Dec. 10.

## NFCCS Drive Begins With Plymouth Prize

The 1949 drive for funds was recently launched by the local chairman of St. Joseph's Foreign Student Relief Campaign for the Fort Wayne Region of the NFCCS. Books for a drawing on a new 1949 Plymouth car were distributed on the campus before the Thanksgiving holidays. The winning ticket will be picked on Feb. 11, during the Regional Congress to be held here, Feb. 11-12.

The current drive is a part of a nationwide fund-raising campaign, in which 180 colleges are participating, for the benefit of the NFCCS Overseas Service Program. Funds realized in the drive will be used for relief and educational reconstruction, which include food, clothing, hostels and rest center facilities, books, Catholic periodicals, mimeograph machines, and scholarships to American schools for deserving Catholic students of foreign countries.

## Three St. Joe Men from Abroad Speak before Rensselaer Rotary

The Rensselaer Rotary Club heard three St. Joseph's students who hail from almost opposite parts of the earth, last Tuesday. Gregory Yuen, of Hong Kong, China, Svyatoslav Borys, of Galicia in the Ukraine, and Enrique Puig, Jr., of Utuado, Puerto Rico, gave their opinion of America and told of customs in their native lands.

Yuen traced the 5,000-year history of China for the Rotarians, and demonstrated the use of chopsticks, using his own ivory pair.

Borys, whose family home is in the Polish sector of the Ukraine, described the plight of his people under the oppression of the Germans and Russians. A former member of the underground, he said the Ukraine is a much-sought country with its coal, iron and manganese. Borys vividly sketched Russian imperialistic policy, and stated that the only way left is to fight.

Puig compared his native Puerto Rico with Rhode Island in size,

but said it is densely over-populated. Many of the social customs date back to old Spanish rule. "Boys do not date girls in Puerto Rico as they do here," Puig said. Mother always comes along. "When a girl and boy want to marry, their fathers get together and arrange details. If arrangements are satisfactory, a few days later the girl is missing. Then the girl's parents know that her new husband has come to take her away."

All three students are newly-arrived in this country, but they were able to make themselves understood.



## THOUGHTS FOR RETREAT

A friend will first visit a friend in the morning to wish him "good-day;" and in the evening, to wish him "good-night;" often he will seize an opportunity to talk with him during the day. —Our BEST Friend is Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We should drop in the chapel and visit with Him as often as our duties will permit. It is especially at the foot of the altar that one prays well.

It is not sufficient to do good things. We must do more. We must do them well.

Among the many excellent means that are given to perform our actions well, we recommend this: Perform each of your actions as if it were to be the last one of your life. Ask yourself this question while you do it—"If I knew that this was the last hour of my life, would I do it in this manner?"

One of the great obstacles to doing our actions well is that while we do one thing we think of another that we have done or that we are yet to do. The way to perform each action well is to give attention only to the one we are actually performing, doing it as perfectly as we can, and when it is done, think no more of it, lest it prevent us from occupying ourselves well with what we then have to do.

Let the name of Mary be ever on your lips; let it be indelibly engraven on your heart. If you are under her protection, you have nothing to fear.

Go to Joseph! Often recommend yourself to St. Joseph, the patron of the College. St. Teresa of Avila tells us that she never asked him anything which he did not obtain for her.

## CULINARY COMPLIMENTS

This department hereby bends its head in repentance and makes public apology to Miss Helen Skinner and her staff of culinary artists. It is hoped that many of the student body will follow suit, either vocally or mentally. There have been times when it seemed as though there were soup in the coffee, coffee in the tea, and tea in the soup, but nevertheless, we realize that these instances are few and far between. This thought struck us as we were enjoying that Thanksgiving dinner, a week ago last night. The turkey was superb, the potatoes were creamy, the cranberries were sweet, and the strawberry sundae really topped off a good meal. It seemed exceptional.

Yet, when we think about it, it wasn't so special after all. Day after day, the food is tasty, wholesome, and well prepared. It might be that students here get used to good chow, and then when mashed spuds turn up with lumps in them every now and then, they (the students, not the spuds) take offense and gripe about it for no little time.

Visitors to the local cafeteria are frequently amazed at the abundance and tastiness of St. Joe meals. It would be a safe bet, we think, that half the students here do not dine so well at home. Why, then, is there so much griping about the chow? Conversations with students of other colleges show that we are some of the best-fed men in the Midwest.

Miss Skinner, our hats are off to you, and we beg forgiveness! Even though certain students may at times think of you as "Hawkeye," and even though the coffee at times dissolves the spoons, we think the food is admirable, and we resolve never to gripe about it again.—D.L.C.

## OUR LIBRARY LANGUISHES

St. Joseph's College has one of the largest and best-equipped libraries of colleges its size. It boasts of modern, light-filled, comfortable reading rooms, a projection room for microfilms, and a Great Books section that rivals any for completeness. And yet, the average Collegeville student reads less than eleven books per semester from this library!

Part of a college education is the training of the student in research work and library usage; yet the St. Joe student spends weeks at a time without even entering the library.

The blame for this situation cannot be laid on the library itself. A course in library orientation is taken by every student as he enters St. Joseph's. The librarians do everything possible to make their working place appealing to the students. Posters, signs, and book displays are ample proof of that.

Perhaps the professors are too lax on their part. Perhaps the students should be forced to make use of the library, by dint of more outside reading and extra work from the classrooms. But few students would appreciate this approach.

That leaves only one factor in the situation. Perhaps the students themselves are to blame. It is possible that an inclination toward laziness and a presumption that all libraries are musty morgues of lifeless tomes keep the St. Joe students away from our library.

Should the student recognize the proximity and availability of the popular magazines, the complete reference books, and the extensive fiction and non-fiction works, and the wealth that they offer, perhaps our library would become one of the most popular places at Collegeville.—U.C.

## Coal's History, John L., Make Locals Chilly

In the dim and hoary past when a social lion meant a saber-toothed monster cavorting among his friends and acquaintances of the dinosaur set, a strange and wondrous operation was in progress in the bowels of the earth. Deep, deep down in these bowels, the pressure of the earth was hard at work, compressing and solidifying old trees.

Stately pterodactyls wheeled overhead, and a curious being that resembled a present-day biological phenomenon swung from tree to tree, accompanied by his buddy, Dave, and all were unaware of the industrious action of the earth beneath them.

When an early genius made headlines with his discovery of the heat and light given off when wood was burned, many eons had passed, yet the grave intellectual discussions on what to do with the Russians that took place over small fires in the mouths of caves never included a word of the growing business down below.

Then a clever Chinese brought the whole thing to the fore when he discovered that Providence had been working for all these centuries on a marvelous new thing—coal! It burned, too. Better than wood, with more heat and less soot.

All of a sudden, some thirty centuries later, man took advantage of this thing. He used it to heat his water before shaving, to turn generators for power to make his radio work, and to keep his room warm, so he could read English Lit in comfort.

It was on this happy, blissful scene that Mrs. L. brought forth her son John, who was to change all this. John L. grew up to be a coal magnate. He banded all the miners together and bade them work only when he said to work. When he said to stop working, no more coal was produced.

Thus it was that the isolated settlement of Collegeville, next to the town of Boredom in the county of Listlessness, suffered the chills and shivers that accompany the lack of coal in the local furnaces. John L. had said, "stop!" and the miners had gone home to improve their pinochle game.

In one room of this settlement, Heat reigned. The inmates, Joe Puma and his buddy, Dave, were blissfully unaware of the coal shortage. They sat, with stockinged feet on a small pot-bellied stove, philosophically discussing the virtues of the heroine of the latest movie. They reached a point of agreement on the probability that she'd leave John Agar and take to wearing a Cardinal and Purple ribbon if she could only meet them.

Then Dave leaned back, carefully looked under the bed, behind the wastebasket, and finally on his bookshelf, and said,

"Hey, where's that copy of Wuthering Heights?"

"You finished it, didn't you?"

"Yeah, but I wanted to check up on the last part again. You haven't seen it, have you?"

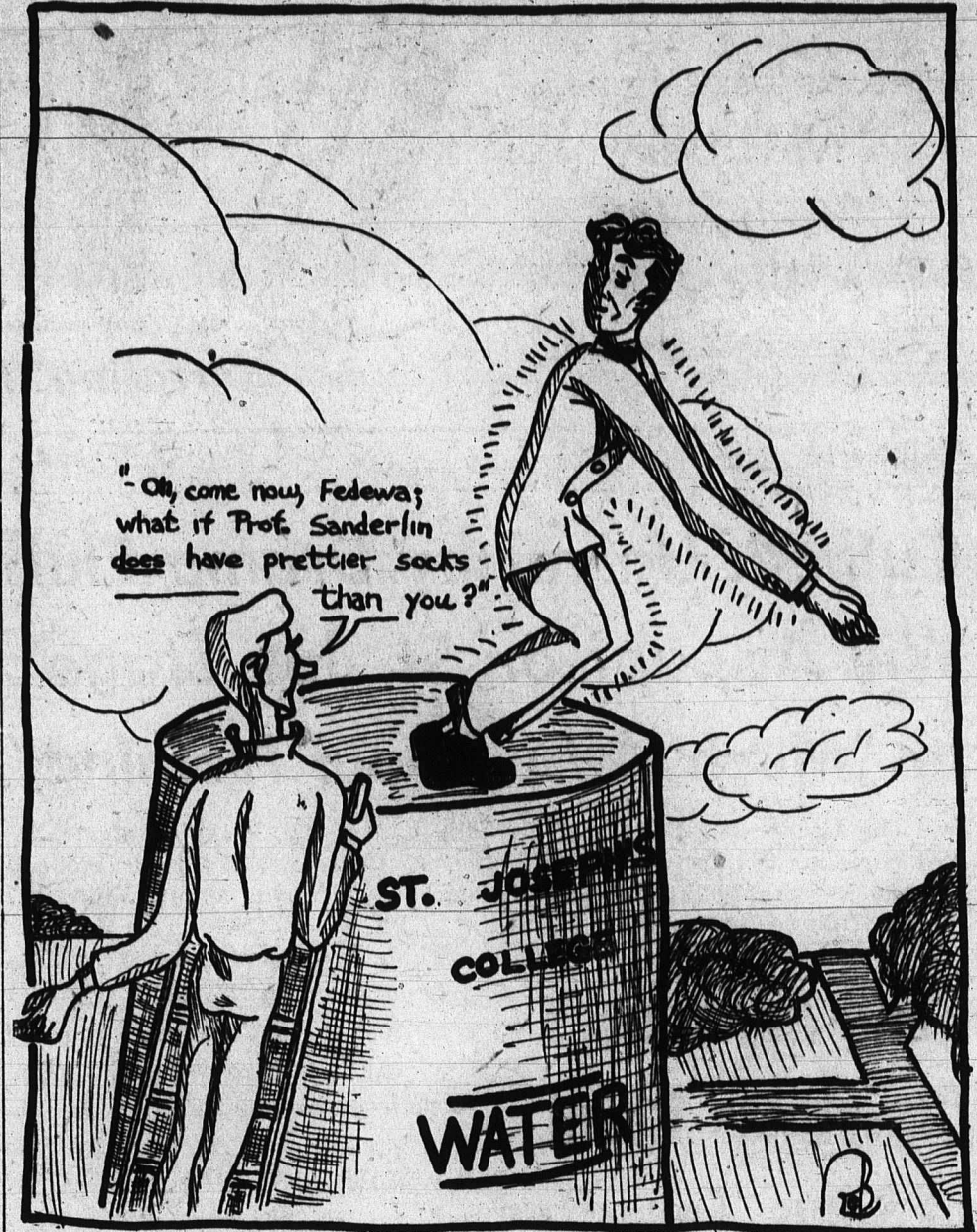
"Aw, you don't need it. Besides, it's serving a nobler purpose, now."

Dave stared at the stove. "You don't mean..."

"Yes. I also threw in most of your texts. Since we're taking the same classes, we don't need two copies of the same books. There's a coal shortage, remember?"

## Two St. Joe Men Enter Wedded State

STUFF congratulates Ed Cobbett, sophomore from Mansfield, Ohio, who was married on Nov. 19, and Ed Nowak, Chicago senior, on his Thanksgiving Day marriage. Best wishes for a happily wedded life for both these St. Joe men.



## GAG BUSTERS

BY BEECH'S GHOST

I am taking an evening constitutional down the road in the general direction of the hall of recreation, when I see the door of that venerable institution of pleasure fly open, and who comes sailing out, head over tin-cups, but my old pal George. As George hits the dirt, his hat and the voice of the manager of the establishment come out after him. The voice says as follows:

"And don't come back until you make up your mind to stop making passes at the waitresses!"

George assumes a vertical position, knocks the dirt from his hat, mumbles something about being a roadblock in the path of true love, and greets me cordially.

"The same to you," I say, also cordially, and add, "What's new?"

"Well," says the Hedda Hopper of Collegeville, "things is coming to a pretty pass. I merely offer to show that beautiful doll how to jitterbug, and the guy jumps to an entirely different conclusion. You'd think jitterbugging was almost as bad as post-hitching, or something."

We start wending our thirsty way northward, and I make comment on how much nicer it is, now that there's a little warmth around the old hearthstone, since we managed to get a little coal.

"Yeah," says the informer, "it was pretty chilly there for a while. I am reminded of the tail of a polar bear on an Arctic ice floe. Not that I have ever taken

the temperature of a polar's tail, but I do have an imagination.

"It caused quite a furore, too, among the local citizens. One Coldfeet Casey, who has enjoyed a reputation without blemish, was seen stalking the coal exhibit in the basement of Science Hall last week, right after purchasing a small stove. As you might guess, that went over like an old cigar in the punchbowl with his geology professor.

"An' I hear from the government that Terrible Tommy Fedewa is bringing about falling arches and severe backstrain to the good postal clerks, what with all his letter writing and receiving with a tomato named Rita, who lives only some fifteen miles away, anyhow. Terrible Tom and Rugged Ralph Clark keep the Postal Service in business, between the two of them."

Since we had now arrived at the local pub, I breaks in on the bright boy's chatter to inform him of the occasion, and to ask if he'll have a wee draught to keep his vocal cords lubricated. I personally don't think he needs it, but we get a pair of glasses of the nectar and start drinking it, anyway. After three rounds, Two-bottles George feels nothing but expansive and happy.

"Y'know," he observes, "Jim is a darn nice guy. When I get to be 21, I'm gonna buy him a beer. As it is, I'm too young."

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# Puma Cagers Face Road Trip Next

## Xavier Classic: Rainbows Down Buckeyes, 21-20

The traditional Buckeye-Rainbow game, played between the boys who hail from the "Buckeye" State and those who are natives of States other than Ohio, was staged on the Xavier gridiron, and ended in a 21-20 victory for the Rainbows.

The Buckeyes entered the fray as favorites, and drew first blood when a snappy aerial thrown by Joe Sebastiani landed in the arms of Joe Jakubiak for a counter. The try for point-after-touchdown was good, and the boys from Ohio went into an early 7-0 lead.

### Rainbows Find Stride

Striking back quickly, the Rainbows with accurate passing found their mark. In a sustained drive from within their own 20, they marched down the field, and scored when Tom Conway pulled down a Kilo touchdown pass. Kilo's pass to Vey for the P.A.T. knotted the score at 7-7.

A few minutes later the Rainbows went into the lead, when another aerial attack netted a touchdown by Jack Vey, who beautifully outmaneuvered the secondary of the Buckeye defense, pulled down another Kilo pass, and gave the Rainbows a 13-7 lead. Lou Joseph's fine catch of Kilo's P.A.T. pass made the score 14-7.

Late in the second period, the Buckeyes suddenly came to life when the Sebastiani to Feck to Matusicky combination began to click and resulted in a second Ohio tally. The try for the extra point was low and wide, and the score stood at 14-13 at the half.

### Buckeyes Take Lead

A concerted Buckeye drive, early in the third stanza, could not be halted before they had once more rolled for a T.D., Matusicky scoring on a pass from Sebastiani. The attempt for the P.A.T. was successful, and the Buckeyes led, 20-14.

Events seemed to be shaping for a Buckeye victory, but late in the fourth quarter, the Rainbows got a lucky break when Ed Weigel, alert Rainbow tackle, intercepted a Buckeye lateral and stepped over the line for paydirt. Kilo's pass to Conway for the extra point was good, and the Rainbows went out to take the lead, 21-20, and the game.

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## Football Finalists



The victorious Xavier Hall touch-football team, which swamped the West Seifert squad, 19-2, in the Inter-Hall tournament play-off last November 16.

## Xavier Wins, 19-2 Over W. Seifert In I-Hall Finals

Completely outclassing West Seifert in the final game, Xavier Hall won the inter-hall touch football tournament, November 16.

The seminarians showed fine form in their 19-2 win over West Seifert, and by virtue of the win gained possession for the coming year of the coveted gold plaque, symbolic of supremacy in inter-hall competition. Last year East Seifert won the award.

A strong wind hampered both teams, but deceptive Xavier plays, both off the T-formation and Notre Dame box, proved too much for West Seifert.

Xavier took the ball on the opening kickoff and marched downfield for the first tally, scoring on a 15-yard pass. They scored in the second quarter period on a center plunge from the two-yard line, and again in the final quarter on a pass.

A bad center in the second quarter accounted for the Seifert men's two points, when a Xavier half-back was caught behind his goal in an attempt to retain the ball. Ruby Hunziker and Matt "Red" Walters managed West Seifert, while Joe Sebastiani directed the play of the seminarians.

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## Frosh Turn Out For Cage Drills

Twenty-seven freshmen reported to Coach Dick Scharf for the first frosh basketball practice, Nov. 14. The squad, which will be cut to 15 players, opens its season with a home game against the Valparaiso U. freshmen, Jan. 11. A six-game schedule is planned, but two of the games are not yet definitely settled.

Freshmen are eligible to play with the Varsity in Indiana Conference Competition. Coach Scharf said that outstanding Puma frosh will join the Varsity for conference games.

### Tentative Schedule

Jan. 11—Valparaiso U. .... Here  
Jan. 26—Indiana State .... There  
Feb. 8—Valparaiso U. .... There  
Feb. 17—Indiana State .... Here

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## Grid Statistics Show Cliff Beaver Tops in Scoring

St. Joseph's 1949 gridiron campaign is history and the Cardinal and Purple have filed into the record book their first winning season since 1942, taking five and losing four, and coming out even on points, 138 to 138.

Left halfback Cliff Beaver, junior from Rensselaer, topped ground gaining and scoring honors, picking up 399 yards in the 87 times he carried the ball, for an average of 4.5 yards per try. He made touchdowns in seven of the nine games scheduled to lead in scoring with 42 points.

Right halfback Wally Moore, South Bend senior, followed Beaver in both departments, making 321 yards in 68 attempts, for a 4.7 average, and scored 30 points. In the 1948 campaign Moore led in ground gaining with 391 yards in 70 tries, averaging 5.5 yards per try.

### Other leaders are:

|              | Atmpts. | Ydgs. | Avg. |
|--------------|---------|-------|------|
| John Frawley | 69      | 233   | 3.3  |
| Ray Biller   | 35      | 135   | 3.8  |
| Chuck Hanley | 22      | 125   | 5.6  |
| Jerry Fleck  | 31      | 110   | 3.5  |
| Don Schubert | 11      | 83    | 7.5  |

Cumulative statistics for the season follow:

|                         | SJC  | Opp. |
|-------------------------|------|------|
| Total points            | 138  | 138  |
| Yards rushing           | 1509 | 1566 |
| Yards passing           | 735  | 615  |
| Passes attempted        | 146  | 125  |
| Passes completed        | 49   | 40   |
| Passes intercepted      | 15   | 21   |
| Yds. interceptions rtd. | 207  | 161  |
| Punts                   | 58   | 46   |
| Average punt (yds.)     | 34.6 | 32.3 |
| Yds. all kicks rtd.     | 794  | 768  |
| Fumbles                 | 35   | 27   |
| Ball lost (fumbles)     | 17   | 19   |
| Penalties               | 46   | 60   |
| Yds. penalized          | 416  | 441  |

## Spanish Group Plans Pinata Christmas Party

A Pinata, or Mexican-style Christmas party, is the Spanish Club's main activity for this semester. This was announced after the second of two meetings held by the club, newly-organized for this year. Officers elected include Thomas Johnson, president; Charles George, vice-president; and James Guercio, secretary. Mr. Luis Soto-Ruiz, instructor in Spanish, is moderator.

The Club Inter-Americano, as it is called, has 22 members on its roster. Membership is limited to those students of Spanish who maintain at least a C average in that subject.

### Gifts for All

The Christmas party will be held during the week of Dec. 11. Rensselaer High School students of Spanish will be invited as guests of the club. Highlight of the party will be the traditional Mexican way of distributing presents, favors and incidentals. They are placed in a large paper bag, called a pinata. Then a student is blindfolded, given a stick, and the pinata is hoisted into the air by means of a rope through a pulley in the ceiling. When finally the man holding the end of the rope allows the bag to be broken, the gifts fall and are distributed. At times, the blindfolded person finds himself swinging mightily at thin air.

Spanish Christmas carols and Latin American music and dancing will be included at the party, and Luis Perez and Enrique Puig will be on hand to instruct novices in Puerto Rican dance steps.

## Evansville, Loras, Ambrose Spike Tough Schedule

BY BOB BRAITHWAITE

With Chicago U. out of the way, Canterbury heads a list of opponents that will sorely test the vaunted experience of St. Joseph's Pumas. These include, with Canterbury: Evansville, Illinois Wesleyan, Loras and St. Ambrose, in that order.

The Pumas will amble down to Danville, Ind., Saturday night, where they engage Canterbury College in the first road game of the year. Although enemy floorboards seem to have a disastrous effect on our boys, some hope is gleaned from the fact that Canterbury fell, 74-51, at Collegeville, last year.

On Monday night, Dec. 5, St. Joseph's will tussle with Evansville in the local field house. The party will serve as a quest for revenge; Evansville took last year's decision, 66-45.

### Illinois Wesleyan Champs

Three nights later, Dec. 8, the Cardinal and Purple will meet Illinois Wesleyan, here. Led by seven returning lettermen, the Titans of Illinois Wesleyan are also bolstered by the recovery of 6-ft-5 Steve Zebos, a junior. Zebos earned a letter in his freshman year, but a bad knee kept him on the sidelines last winter. Featured with Zebos in the Titans' plans are Harry Anderson, Gerry Anderson, Frank Somers and John Lane. All these men were regulars on the Titan team which last year was Illinois College Conference Champion.

### Western Swing

Loras College will be the first stop for the Pumas on a five-game jaunt which will keep the boys playing away from home until Jan. 11. The Duhawks of Loras will meet their arch-rivals from Collegeville at Dubuque on Dec. 11. With a record of 14-10 in 1948-'49, Loras' current team is made up mostly of juniors. They feature the fast-break type of offense and the rebounding of Ernie Skrabby, George Vinton, Jim McCabe and Gene Ternes. The Duhawks can boast of good speed overall and better than average height.

### Donnelly, Bee Star

The St. Ambrose Bees, led by their record-setting center, Jack Donnelly, will be hosts to the Pumas at Davenport, Iowa, on Dec. 12. The Bees are well-stocked with lettermen, having 10 returnees from last year's aggregation.

A return engagement with Chicago U. in the Windy City, on Dec. 16, will conclude the pre-Christmas portion of the Puma schedule. The New Year will find them on an Eastern road-trip which will take them to New Jersey and New York, for games with Rider College and the New York Athletic Club.

## Expect 20 Teams In I-M Basketball

Intramural basketball is scheduled to get under way soon, with Dec. 5 set as the tentative date for opening play.

Director Fred Jones anticipates that 20 teams will take part in the winter athletic program. Teams will be placed in "A" and "B" leagues according to their potentiality, with two rounds of play in each league.

Schedules are being drawn up for each league and will be published soon. Mr. Jones is presently dividing the two leagues, so that teams of higher calibre will not be matched against those of lower power.



## Gregory Yuen, Wilkie Chung Tell of Chinese Studies, Traditions

Gregory Yuen and Wilkie Chung, two students enrolled here, had to struggle through four languages to acquire an education. Both hail from China where the language situation is extreme. Chung was born in Canton and learned to speak the language of that province. Yuen, from Hong Kong, learned the language of that locale, entirely different from Cantonese, although the two cities are only 100 miles apart. When the two boys started to school both had to become proficient in Cantonese. Later they had to study Mandarin which is necessary if one wishes to travel in China, since it is the national language of the country. Finally when they entered High School, they were obliged to learn English.

When Chung left his native Canton, late this summer, the Chinese Communist forces were only 170 miles from his home. Since then they have overrun the city, and now rule Canton. Communist rule means the cessation of teaching English in the schools. Russian is substituted. The teaching of religion is taboo.

### Pre-med Students

Both boys are taking pre-medical courses here. They attended High School in Hong Kong; Chung at Wahyan College and Yuen at La Salle College, where they studied chemistry, physics, mathematics, English, including Shakespeare, and religion. Their freshman courses here seem like reviews of their previous work, although very detailed reviews. Biology is the only completely new course.

Upon completion of their medical courses in this country, both boys will return to China to practice. If the Communists have been driven out by that time, Chung plans to practice in the interior of the country, but if they are still in control, he will go to Hong Kong with Yuen.

### Oriental Customs

Speaking of Chinese customs, Chung noted a great difference between East and West. In the matter of marriage, little freedom is offered the principals in China. Although the modernized cities follow the Western style, the interior clings to oriental customs, with the parents of the boy and girl making the match, sometimes even before the children are born.

If no such pre-natal match has been arranged, it is made when the boy is about 16 and the girl 14. The boy's parents inform a woman, whose business is match-making, that their son desires a wife. The woman then checks on all the local belles for a suitable one and presents the boy's case to the girl's parents. If they accept, a wedding date is set, with due attention paid to the influence of the moon, stars, etc. When the date comes, the girl sees her prospective husband for the first time.

## Calorific Cube



Mr. Steven Theodosius, instructor in Geology, and two of his students, John Andrick and Vic Toeppe, inspect the 1,000-pound lump of coal, obtained for the Geology lab here at the close of Chicago's Railroad Fair.

## Chinese Students



Wilkie Chung and Gregory Yuen, two St. Joe students from China. Both men made their high school studies in Hong Kong.

## St. Joe, St. Francis Glee Clubs to Sing Christmas Cantata

The combined Glee Clubs of St. Joseph's and the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Ill., will sing a Christmas Cantata, "The Song of Christmas," on Dec. 8 and 11. The first performance will be presented here in the College Theatre; the second, at St. Francis.

Dramatized in tableau, "The Song of Christmas" will be told in biblical verse and well-known Christmas carols. Male and female solos will be featured.

Mr. Daniel Connor, director of the local Glee Club, has announced that members of each, Glee Club will sing a group of Christmas carols of France, Spain, Germany, England, White Russia, America, and Negro Spirituals before the presentation of the Cantata. An instrumental group will play Yuletide music during the intermission.

## "Case of the Ditch" Investigated, Solved By Stuff Reporter

BY HUGH SCHADLE

The great mystery of the small, sinister ditch, running between the cafeteria walk and the Ad Building, has at last been solved. The news first leaked out when alarm was taken at the increasing number of nervous breakdowns among inquisitive minds, and the shroud of secrecy dropped. Up to that time, local seekers of truth, ablaze with curiosity, had groped desperately for a feasible explanation. Some had proposed theories of run-away plows or elephantine earth-worms. Those of less imagination but of alcoholic passions had babbled excitedly of a direct pipe-line from Jona's and beer with every meal. Still others had darkly predicted that the entire campus was to be wired for sound, and that future imprecations against the grading system would be carried on a direct line to faculty ears.

The facts in the case, however, favor neither proponents of good cheer nor suspicious malcontents. According to Brother Joseph Minch, whose untiring labors keep the menace of darkness at bay, the mysterious ditch will terminate in nothing more than an arc-light. The light, Brother further revealed, will work on a principle known as electricity and will be affixed high on the southwest corner of the chapel passageway (to avoid any temptations to hitch). From this advantageous position it will shine cheerily on the surrounding area and thus be of manifold service. No longer will wandering students, lost in the shadowy maze of tall buildings, be late for the nine o'clock room-check. No longer will icy weather necessitate a slow crawl down the steps to the cafeteria walk. And no longer need students, touring the campus with their dates after dances, worry over the hazards of poorly-lighted walks. Moreover, when students, maddened by five-hours' fasting, form their charge at supper-time, fewer persons will lose their sense of direction.

The new arc-light will be a definite milestone in man's eternal fight against darkness.

## Geologists Display Half-Ton Coal Cube

BY UTAH

The large black cube that rests at the foot of the stairs in the west wing of Science Hall is a 1000-pound lump of solid coal, mined from the rich deposits of the State of Utah, which has sent us other great things, as well.

Rescued from the fires of the Utah steel mills by the Rio Grande Railroad, and chopped down to its present size, this king-sized chunk of coal was used as one of the Rio Grande's exhibits in the Chicago Railroad Fair, last summer.

When the Fair broke up for the year, the Rio Grande found itself with an almost perfect cube of solid coal, weighing half a ton. Unimaginative rail officials might have whittled it down to engine-tender size, had not Mr. Steven Theodosius, Instructor of Geology, here, stepped in and saved it from a sooty fate. Along with several other mementoes of the Fair display, the coal was brought to St. Joseph's, where it now rests, one of the many specimens of the Geology Department.

The recent coal strike occasioned the last attempt on the existence of this majestic hunk of heat. Four College men were caught attempting to carry the coal to their hall, in an effort to dispel the frost on their desks. They were repelled, however, and the coal remains where it was—a good place to rest one's foot while tying a shoe-lace.

## 'January Thaw', Satisfactory; Audiences Amused Both Nights

Maybe the old adage, "Experience is the best teacher," is somewhat trite, yet it is definitely applicable to the recent Columbian Player production, "January Thaw," by William Roos. Of the two performances on the local stage, Monday's show, the second night, showed much improvement over the Sunday staging.

There were several dead spots in the play, the more noticeable ones in the first act. They did not seem to be results of poor direction, but rather of the acting of players, lacking in experience and finesse. Even so, the later scenes had enough humor and pathos to gloss over the rough spaces, and leave satisfied audiences, especially after the second performance. Monday night, the cast seemed more at ease, more in character, and the action progressed much faster.

### Humorous Scenes

John Cummings and Dick Vossler, in the roles of Herbert Gage and Jonathan Rockwood, were definitely the mainstays of the cast. Cummings brought to life the frustrated writer whose house is invaded by a strange trio of Rockwoods. He was especially good in the more humorous scenes, such as the milking of an imaginary cow, and the mixing of his "enjoyable" breakfast. Vossler aptly portrayed the old farmer who doesn't agree with doctors, Democrats, or indoor plumbing.

Vossler and Al Kovac, as Uncle Walter, were both convincing as the energetic type of elderly rustic. Much of their characterization is due to the fine directing of Mr. Ralph Cappuccilli, whose playing of "Gramps" in "On Borrowed Time" here last year was so excellent. There was much of "Gramps" in the playing of Jonathan Rockwood and Uncle Walter. Mr. Cappuccilli spent several hundred hours on "January Thaw," and did a very good job.

The feminine parts were handled adequately, though none exceptionally, by six girls from St. Xavier College, Chicago. Mary Ann Boreczky, remembered here for her playing of the title role in last year's performance of "I Remember Mama," showed improvement since then, as she became Marge Gage, the somewhat scatterbrained housewife. Two of her "daughters," Pat Holden and Terry Marion, as Paula and Sarah Gage, added bits of comedy occasionally. The third daughter, Barbara, was played by Mona McNamara, who handled her role very well.

The other two Xavier students were Eleanor Larsen as little old Mrs. Rockwood, and Betty Frank as Frieda, the maid. Miss Frank's dialogue and facial expressions gave evidence that she should have had a more important part.

The supporting male actors were somewhat lacking in finesse, but did provide foils for the characterizations by Cummings and Vossler. Bob Gregoire's playing of the timid lover, George Husted, was outstanding among the minor roles. Joseph Mullin was sufficient as the Rockwood's leisure loving son, Matt, but his build and blonde hair did not show much heredity influence. Michael Perrini, Tom Johnson, and Rudy Volz rounded out the cast as the lawyer, the small town cop, and the constable. "January Thaw" was entertaining and contained much good humor. The only thing lacking was a more natural, more polished interpretation of the minor roles.

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